

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 20

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS INC., Buda, TX, for Wallace & Tiernan replacement and repair parts for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$158,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$79,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$395,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$39,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 18 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

**Purchasing Language:** Sole bid received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

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This contract establishes a reliable source of supply for various types of replacement and repair parts such as gaskets, bearings, retaining rings, tubing, maintenance kits couplings, washers, belts, and clamps to be purchased on an as needed basis for the Austin Water Utility.

These parts are used to repair Wallace & Tiernan equipment. Some of the equipment is used in the treatment of water to ensure safe drinking water and other equipment is used in the treatment of wastewater. The Wallace & Tiernan equipment includes chlorinators, vacuum regulators, automatic switchover units, direct feed ammoniators, metering pumps, evaporators, lime slakers and solution feeders.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/2

MBE/WBE bid: 2/2

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Sole bid received. Environmental Improvements is the only authorized distributor in this region for Siemens Water Technologies, who is the manufacturer for these products.
- b. Forty-four notices were issued, including two MBEs and two WBEs. One bid was received.
- c. The unit pricing offered represents a 15% increase to the last contract award in April 2004. This increase can be attributed to the rise in cost for manufacturing materials and transportation costs.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Sole bid received. Environmental Improvements is the current provider of these repair parts.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.